



THE HAYDON NEWS

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An explanation

This is the first issue of our newsletter and therefore the first time many of you will have heard of the "Friends of Haydon Bridge". It is therefore an appropriate time to say something about the need for such an association and our general aims and aspirations. Firstly may I say that it is not our intention to subvert the functions or responsibilities of the Haydon Parish Council who are, after all, elected by those who care to exercise that right. However, we do feel that we can fill what we believe in a gap in the structure of the community in acting as a receiver of information, opinions and suggestions, providing a forum for discussion and when necessary taking action through the appropriate authorities.

In common with other places little interest has hitherto been taken in the affairs of the Parish and District Councils and our Representatives more often than not have made their decisions unheard by all but a few. We think it is important that Parish Council matters should be brought to the notice of all Residents and with this in mind a number of us have been attending the monthly Parish Council Meetings and reports of those held in November and December last are included in this newsletter.

What we as a group can achieve depends entirely on the amount of support and participation of people in general. If I may put it this way - do you wish to have a say in the way in which your community develops? For instance, would you like a public library in the village? Why does the known high level of Road traffic on Ratcliffe Road not qualify for a "Pelican" type pedestrian crossing and for that matter what are the laid down criteria? Both these subjects are currently under discussion and if you have thoughts on these or other topics of a local nature, we will be glad to hear from you.

Remember that communities like ours fit together like a jigsaw, all the pieces are important to make a whole and if any are taken away society begins to suffer, usually beginning with those least able to cope. If we are to keep the community intact and at the same time confidently face the future in a rapidly changing world, we ought to give a great deal more thought to the issues of today and the shape of tomorrow and the coming years. We feel that we might help this process by providing a dialogue outside and separate from the formal decision making process.

Finally I might say that we do not require a lot of your time but more of your support through interest and participation. What has gone before is past if not forgotten but if one lesson can be learned from recent events, it is that if you wish to decisions affecting you and the future, you must speak now as to leave it until later will in most cases be too late. We intend to give that opportunity to anyone who comes to take it.

W.S.R. Howard. Chairman.

Why the Friends ?

The siting of two factories in the Station Yard, in the middle of the village of Haydon Bridge has caused a considerable upsurge of feeling throughout the Parish against the Parish Council who recommended the grant of planning permission. Perhaps they did not realise what an eyesore the first factory would be sited as it is.

Protest meetings followed but even a petition signed by 724 people in the village and presented to the Council failed to stop or delay authorisation of the second factory, which has gone ahead.

Some members of the "anti-station yard" group decided to form an association to see what could be done, first to find a remedy for the station yard and second to ensure that no such harmful decisions were made in the future,

On the first point legal advice was taken. This clearly indicated that nothing could be done to hold up the planned development. The Authorities had all acted in accordance with the rules, however ill-advised their decisions may appear to many of us. The only chance of calling in the Ombudsman arises if a charge of maladministration can be made - and if there is ground for any charge. The blame, if we care to take it lies with ourselves for not being sufficiently "on the ball"

While there is apparently nothing we can do to change the past, there is something we can do about it in the future - the second point mentioned above. This is the reason for the formation of the body, as a section of the Community Association, calling itself "Friends of Haydon Bridge". How much it will be able to justify the name depends largely on the support it gets from the people, all of us, in the parish.

The objectives of the Friends, an entirely non political body, are set out elsewhere. If you agree with them or wish to add to them, we ask you to join us. If you are already a member of the Community Association it will cost you £1.00 a year to become a "Friend"

This is, in effect, a challenge. Do you mind how this community is run and cared for - or don't you? If you do, join us: if you don't, don't complain.

J. Pumphrey

The Friends of Haydon Bridge – Aims

To form a group within the Community Association to encourage an interest in Local government and matters affecting the quality of life in the Parish of Haydon.

To support the work of the Parish and District Councils in the interests of the community and its individual members.

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Policy

- 1) To show and interest in meetings of the Parish Council.
- 2) To debate and if necessary take action on any matters arising from meetings of the Parish or District Council.
- 3) To ensure that their work is more widely known and appreciated. With this object in view to publish a regular news sheet which would also include other matters of Parish interest.
- 4) To strengthen the sense of community within the Parish by whatever means possible, seeking to utilise the considerable skills and expertise available in the Parish for the overall benefit of the residents.

Over to You

If you wish to join the "Friends of Haydon Bridge", and require any further information please contact any of the following:-

- Mr. Bell The Dewdrop Tel;305
 Mr. & Mrs. Carey Park Cottage, Chesterwood Tel; 409
 Mr. Duncan Standalone, Chesterwood Tel: 479
 Mrs. Heslop Burn Brae, North Bank Tel; 337
 Mr. & Mrs. Pumphrey Chesterwood Grange Tel; 357
 Mr. Swinburne 3, Station Cottages Tel; 489

Notes on Haydon Parish Council Meeting 21st December 1978

Trial Heating System:

The trial heating system in Langley Gardens is to be monitored for 'a quarter' by the Solid Fuel Advisory Council and the Tynedale District Council Housing Committee. When this is completed a meeting will be called to discuss conversion.

White Lines on Bridge Approach:

The Surveyor has now agreed that double white lines should be put down and this work is to be carried out.

Pelican Crossing:

The Road Safety Officer initially considered that Haydon Bridge through traffic was not of a level to bring the village within the criteria for a Pelican Crossing. The Haydon Parish Council hopes that a crossing may now be possible as a result of a survey currently being taken at Haltwhistle.

Housing Development to the West of the Village:

Completion of the 'By-Pass' (mid-1980's) will result in land on the south-side of the A69 becoming available for housing development, to be considered for inclusion in the future Tynedale Action Plan.

Dwellings for the elderly and two bed-roomed housing for single people or young couples were suggested.

Further enquiries will be made concerning a development of private housing also - no details as yet.

By-pass route:

Choice of route has not yet been decided by the Department of the Environment although the Tynedale District Council and the County Council have agreed to the route suggested by the Haydon Parish Council.

The route was recently decided for the Haltwhistle Bypass which was surveyed approximately six weeks before Haydon Bridge - perhaps a Haydon Bridge decision will be made in early 1979.

Planning Application:

The Haydon Parish Council agreed to the application for Planning Permission for the erection of a farm building with storage at Haydon Bridge High School.

Although there is no legislation regarding the informing of interested parties the Council said that those concerned should be notified.

Community Association Boiler:

The Haydon Parish Council will discuss further at their next meeting the details of a grant which could be made to the Community Association towards an estimated £800 for the replacement of the boiler.

Parish Rate:

The Parish rate of 1p will be the same next year.

Northumberland Tree Week 1979:

An offer from the County Planning Committee of 4 standard trees (approx 6ft high) to be planted on the parish boundaries was not accepted.

Next Meeting of the Haydon Parish Council:

In the Community Centre at 7:30p.m. on 25th January 1979.

When will we ever learn?

Dr. High's courageous efforts in alerting the people of the village about the building of factories in the Station yard set me thinking.

I concluded that the root cause of the factories being built in that particular site was that people, including myself, took little or no interest in what was being discussed at Parish and District Council level until it was too late to do anything about it. To put it another way; the council, being ignored by the inhabitants of the area for so long, acted on the assumption that nobody really cared what they did. To put it a third way; if enough people had objected well in advance, the factories might not have been built where they are.

Following this, I feared that people would lose interest after the affair was settled one way or another. This seems to have happened and only a handful turned up at the last Parish Council meeting. It appears that many people who seemed to be deeply concerned about the siting of the factories have again lost interest in local affairs.

When will we ever learn?

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**Notes on Haydon Parish Council Meeting,
25th January 1979**

Severe Weather Tests Heating

As the two District Councillors were not at the 'Public Section' of the Parish council meeting the concerned question of residents of Langley Gardens regarding the 'Trial Heating System' were regrettably not answered comprehensively. Later the Council was given a clarified report of the current trial. It is now considered that the severe weather recently experienced has been, sufficient test for the solid fuel system.

A meeting is to be organised for interested parties after the next meeting of the full Housing Committee of the Tynedale District Council. (approx. 3rd week in February.)

Apparently the system (which is being tested in a semi-detached house at the requirement of the Solid Fuel Advisory Service) is operating satisfactorily although it was mentioned that the number of radiators used in these systems has to be adjusted to suit varying house styles.

By-pass Note:

In a reply to a letter from the Clerk of the Council requesting further information the Department of Transport have reaffirmed that their next step is to make a public statement of the choice of route.

It is currently proposed that the construction of the Haydon Bridge By-Pass will start during the period 1981-1983.

St. Cuthberts Churchyard:

The old churchyard is to be taken over by the Tynedale District Council in accordance with the Local Government Act. The Treasurer of the Tynedale District Council will investigate the possibility of recharging part or whole of the maintenance costs to Haydon Parish Council.

Community association Boiler:

It was agreed that an interest free loan be made to cover the costs of the replacement of the Community Association's central heating boiler.

Protection from Railway:

A four metre high concrete fence approx. Two hundred metres long will be erected between the Newcastle-Carlisle railway line and Strother Close. Forty percent of the costs will be met by British Rail and the remainder by the Tynedale District Council. British Rail will be responsible for future maintenance.

Annual Report of Fire Service:

Proposals for Day manning only at Hexham, Alnwick and Berwick have been outlined. These ideas were discussed at a meeting in the Council Chamber, Hexham on the 29th January attended by councillors from Parish, District and County Councils.

Planning Applications:

- (a) Proposed Lounge Bar extension and erection of cloak-room at the Anchor Hotel.
- (b) N.E.E.B. – erection of overhead line.
- (c) Two renewals for temporary siting of caravans.

Gas in Haydon Bridge:

Recent severe weather and the related 'power cuts' may have brought to mind thoughts of an alternative power supply. Town Gas was removed from Haydon Bridge some time ago as the gas pipes were found to be rotten. To supply gas to the village again would mean an initial cost of two hundred and fifty thousand pounds to bring the pressure to the correct level for domestic use. A representative of the Gas Board is to be invited to come to a future meeting of the Haydon Parish Council.

Editor's Note

Future issues of "Haydon News" will include a diary of events. Items for inclusion for the month of February for your club, society, group, school, church etc., should be received at Dale Cottage, North Bank not later than Saturday 10th Feb. [1979]

Contributions of articles and letters concerned with topics of local interest for publication in "Haydon News" would be appreciated and should be sent to the editor, Dale Cottage, North Bank, Haydon Bridge.

THE FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE

Subscriptions are now due for the period 1st January 1999 – 31st December 1999. Membership is 10p per month so a subscription for the period is £1.20. Please complete the form below and enclose with your membership subscription. New members from 1st January please pay £1.20 (current members £1.50 includes Oct. Nov. Dec. 1998)) You can give it to any member of the Committee or leave it in an envelope at the Post Office addressed to *The Friends of Haydon Bridge*. If you are a non-resident of the Parish of Haydon the subscription is 60p per month which includes a postal delivery of the Haydon News – please send cheque for £6-00 to the Editor – address page 2.

I wish to become an active / non-active member (delete as appropriate) of *The Friends of Haydon Bridge* for the period 1st January 1999 – 31st December 1999. Please find enclosed a cheque/cash to the value of

Name

Address

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EDITORIAL

Hi Folks - 'tis me back again in 1999 batteries charged, with no new editor in sight I start my fifth year as your scribe - when will at ever end I ask myself - there must be someone out there who would like the job? What with the Tynedale District Council elections coming up, the Archive 2000 Project underway - just when will I have time to do other things - methinks April perhaps?

I thought that you'd like to see the first Haydon News published two decades ago by the "Friends of Haydon Bridge". As I read the words of the 1979 Chairman I found myself agreeing with everything he had written, as I also did with Mr. Pumphrey's article "Why The Friends?" From the files I note that eighty or so people were recorded on the membership list in 1980 - good support but really not so many out of a populace of over 2000. This rapidly dwindled to a handful after a few years.

Last year a vigorous recruiting campaign was held and "The Friends of Haydon Bridge" now have a membership list of 122 (although 20 of these have forgotten to pay their subs for this year - Hint ! Hint !).

This folks is simply not good enough so here I make a personal appeal that if you're not a member or your subs are overdue go to page 5 and fill out the form now. I would like to see a membership of 200 before the end of March and double that by September.

You're not a cissy supporting *The Friends of Haydon Bridge* nor are you indicating that you support the various viewpoints expressed in *The Haydon News*.

I speak to hundreds of people each month most think the *Haydon News* does a good job yet these same folk will not fork out a measly 10p a month to support the "Friends of Haydon Bridge" and thereby the newsletter and the other activities they are involved in. For the past four years I have spent many hours developing the "*Haydon News*" so that it is now generally well accepted, and perhaps more impor-

tantly, read not only locally, but nationally and internationally by those with an interest in the Parish.

It's now YOUR turn to show support so "pip pip" off to page 5 and help swell the numbers of *Friends of Haydon Bridge* to ensure that they are truly representative of the Parish as a whole. - If the response is not forthcoming I'm afraid I may have to review my own position as Editor and could well leave in April.

On 20th January I moseyed off to the planning meeting at Tynedale District Council where I entered the Chamber just before 2 p.m. The meeting, Chaired by Councillor Barker from Allendale started promptly on time. Councillor Bill Howard declared an interest in Planning Application Reference No. 980894 and sat down on the bank bench giving his full attention to applications being discussed. It wasn't long before application 980894 was reached and Councillor Bill immediately left The Chamber. The application, submitted by Haydon Bridge Parish Council, was to construct a new Community Centre on the site of existing one which is to be demolished (Application Ref: 980895).

Mr. Chown briefly outlined the proposals and recommended approval of the application as submitted. Only one question was raised by a Councillor on the opposition benches who asked if building would be any higher than existing one - the planners replied that it wouldn't.

The plan was agreed unanimously and Councillor Bill re-entered the Chamber. As he took his back-bench seat the Chairman, wry smile on his face, said "*Councillor Howard you can now go back and face your constituents!*"

The planning application had contained two objections, from the residents of the properties lying each side of, and adjacent to, the Community Centre. These are dismissed in the Committee report by 4.5 which states:

' Apart from traffic, the other issues raised by the objectors are private legal matters and outside of planning control.'

I drove home wondering what the Community Centre's neighbours would now feel and I also reflected on the words written by the same Bill Howard in that first issue of the *Haydon News* 20 years ago - and I quote.

"Finally I might say that we do not require a lot of your time but more of your support through interest and participation. What has gone before is past if not forgotten but if one lesson can be learned from recent events, it is that if you wish to decisions affecting you and the future, you must speak now as to leave it until later will in most cases be too late. We intend to give that opportunity to anyone who comes to take it".

With these words the *Haydon News* was launched however recent events have yet again shown that once in 'power' scant notice is taken of peoples views. Indeed, on the particular issue in question I consider that devious means have been used by some parties . . . want to read more? >>P18

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Letters to the Editor & Readers Viewpoints

Melbourne 20th December 1998

My Dad was born in Haydon Bridge in 1897 and told me many stories about the place. His father was George Young and his mother Annie Maria Reay. Her sister was Mary Hannah Reay, district nurse and her father Joseph Reay was a Railway employee and lived in the Railway Cottages. I'd love some photos or postcards to be scanned in so that I can see what the village looked like in the early days of the 20th C. My Uncle Charles lived in Church St. in 1910, pictured here. Happy Christmas Haydon Bridge

Elizabeth Reay Le Page

Ed's note – I sent Elizabeth a 1896 photo of railway staff – since then I have added a couple of dozen 1920's and 1930's photographs to the internet site.

Melbourne 31st December 1998

Hullo again from Melbourne, Australia,

I did put in a note last week about my grandparents, George Young and Annie Maria Reay also mentioning my great grandfather Joseph Reay who worked for the Railway. (Many thanks for the scanned photo of Railway workers).

Annie Maria Reay was the daughter of Joseph Reay and Hannah Charlton married in 1862. Hannah Charlton was the daughter of John Charlton, stationmaster in Haydon Bridge, also manufacturer and merchant for soda water and ginger beer. The following is an excerpt from Portrait of Northumberland by Nancy Ridley "In 1857, Edward, Prince of Wales, passed through Haydon Bridge. He alighted and partook of wine and biscuits. He also purchased some books from the stall of Mr. John Charlton, stationmaster." John Charlton's father Matthew Charlton, came from Simonburn.

I would love to know whether there are still any descendants of these families living in the area.

My Dad, Percy Reay Young told me many tales of his life in the village particularly about joining the various denominational Sunday Schools in time for the successive Sunday School Picnics. He taught me to understand Geordie to the extent that I can pick the accent fairly easily and I do like reading those bits in your paper which are written in dialect. Two of his favourites were The Battle of the Raa and The Muckin' of Geordie's Cowshed.

His parents lived in Belton [Belmont] Lodge and his Aunt Mary Reay lived in Shaftoe Terrace. I know one of his Reay aunts married John Laidler, and two Charlton great aunts married Matthew Stobbart and Thomas Kirk Appleby. I'm sure there were Heslop relations too.

I feel I am getting to know a little about the place he lived in till he was 21 and I thank you for that
Elizabeth Reay Le Page

Westerville – Ohio – 4th January 1999

Happy new year!

My husband and I will be traveling in Scotland by train during the first part of July; then, we will join up with a hiking group to hike around Loch Lomond, Isle Mull and Ben Nevis areas. I would appreciate an address to contact about information on your area, Hadrian Wall, and accomodations. We would like to hike along the wall.

My husband loves to read about ocean liners. I know from reading that the Crown Paints in Haltwhistle has artifacts and wood paneling from the ship Olympic. I have been unable to find an address for them and would like to write them and arrange to stop by so my husband can see the offices of this company that has the interior fittings from the Olympic. Can you help?

Look forward to hearing from you.

Debby Baumgartner

Ed's note – Sent information requested

Another letter from Australia

Stan

I do not write and say thank you enough for the work that you do and continue to do for us ex pat Haydonians. I watch at the beginning of each month for the Newsletter that you provide us all. This is then copied and forwarded to an Uncle that I have in Australia, I can honestly say we both enjoy reading progress and life in the Village.

Thank you again for your time and efforts and allowing us to share your Newsletter, it is appreciated from this end.

Have a great Christmas a Fantastic New Year in 1999.

Regards

David Humble

Ed's note

Readers may recall that it was David's request in September 1997 which resulted in the Internet Edition of the Haydon News being produced.

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Letters to the Editor & Readers Viewpoints

Superintendent Symonds of Northumbria Police writes:

Dear Sir

I am writing in response to your editorial in the recent edition of Haydon News which commented about policing in the village.

Let me say I welcome constructive feedback, including criticism if it is warranted, about the delivery of Police services in local communities because this is an important indicator as to how we are doing.

It is important however that such comment is balanced presenting the full picture, rather than a one sided and selective portrayal which is sometimes a justifiable criticism of the media.

With regard to your editorial, I found it particularly disappointing, lacking in fact and regurgitating tired and outdated statements about the Police not taking crime and criminals seriously. Let me take this opportunity to set out some facts about crime.

- * Northumbria Police has the best record nationally for achieving successive reductions in crime over the last five years.
- * In Tynedale, recorded crime has dropped by a significant 46% since 1994.
- * Arrests and detection rates are up significantly.

With regard to more local trends within Haydon Bridge itself, I am pleased to inform you and your readers that, the generally low levels of crime are continuing as evidenced by the below comparisons. Damage is not included because recording criteria has changed making meaningful comparisons difficult.

	Burglary Dwelling	Burglary Other	Theft Of M/V	Theft from M/V	Theft Other	Assaults
Jan - Oct 97	2	6	1	1	10	3
Jan - Oct 98	2	9	1	3	11	2

In the context of your editorial therefore it is hard to justify the comment that "crime is going on all around us", there have been no reports received that people have been "robbed" (an offence of theft associated with violence) and the extent to which people have been "hit in their homes" (which I presume to mean burgled) is thankfully very low.

In terms of my policing priorities for South West Northumberland, these are listed in my Local Policing Plan (copy enclosed) which is widely distributed and publicised at the beginning of each fiscal year.

You will note that, whilst crime remains at the forefront of my priorities, policing by its very nature covers a broad range of issues including responding to emergencies, public order and road safety.

Included within these broader policing issues is my approach to licensing laws. Whilst the lack of detail prevents me from responding to your personal experiences, I am happy to inform you that I adopt a proactive approach to licensing matters. Experience shows that a lax approach contributes towards:-

- * systematic abuse of licensing laws
- * the growth of under-age drinking and, in certain public houses, drug misuse
- * the potential for increased public disorder at the expiry of licensing hours and;
- * an increase in drink/driving with the consequent risk to road safety this brings.

I would like to add that having a proactive policy with regard to licensing is one thing, it does not however equate to an intolerant approach to enforcing the law. 'Discretion' is the hall mark of good policing, and this can only be achieved with the support of the wider community. In the context of licensing, this is illustrated by the successful Pub Watch Schemes which operate throughout Tynedale and the recent launch of the Underage Drinking Scheme.

I hope my response to your editorial provides a more informed viewpoint regarding the extent of crime in Haydon Bridge and sets a broader perspective of policing in Tynedale against which your concerns can be contrasted. Perhaps you could publish my letter in the next edition of Haydon News.

Yours faithfully

C R Symonds
Superintendent

South West Northumberland Area Command
Shaftoe Leazes, Hexham

Letters to the Editor & Readers Viewpoints

Editor's response to Supt Symonds Letter

So as there is no confusion in anyone's mind I repeat here the relevant section of my November '98 Editorial

"Have you noticed but there has been a high police presence in the village lately around about pub closing time? I understand that the men in blue are concerned about after-hours drinking in rural pubs. Recently I was in one pub on a Sunday evening when a couple of policemen wandered in and had a look around. Isn't it amazing how they can find the resources to do this and often don't seem to be able to find time to clear up the real crime which is going on all around us. I am told that in this area we have had people robbed and hit in their homes, thefts from houses and garages, cars vandalised etc., to my knowledge these crimes frequently go unsolved.

Methinks that priorities may have been wrongly set or maybe a new guy has stepped in and wants to impress. I do find it an intrusion to be eyed over when slowly sipping my non-alcoholic beer at closing time. It does little to impress me and seems to be a good way to turn people off co-operating and helping our Police. Our highly paid senior policemen will argue that they are only here to enforce the law - I will argue back and say to these decision makers that you are also paid to prioritise using a bit of gumption making the most efficient use of your limited resources.

Catching crooks and villains is your business and if occasionally some rural publican doesn't stop serving promptly on time - forget it. A few middle aged and elderly folk slaving over a final pint is not what I would call criminal activity. Pubs are having a hard enough time without being hounded like this. The sooner new legislation is brought in to allow hostelrys to close when they want, to the merrier we will be."

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

Just 40p a day - that's how much policing Northumbria costs each person

Recorded crime in the Northumbria Police area fell for the sixth successive year in 1997. Figures show a dramatic 13% decrease on the previous year, revealing an overall 39% drop since offences peaked in 1991. The total number of offences last year was 127,149 compared with 145,762 in 1996.

House burglary is at its lowest since 1981, car theft is down to levels of almost 20 years ago, and both robbery and crimes of violence fell by 10%. Arrests are up by 3,000 to 85,277 and the detection rate rose two points to 26%.

For the second year running, the force won acclaim from HM Inspector of Constabulary for its 'remarkable' crime reduction and commitment to tackling crime. At the same time, the Audit Commission confirmed that no other area matches Northumbria's recent success in cutting crime and we became one of the elite range of public sector organisations to be awarded the Charter Mark for a second occasion.

By continually mounting initiatives to tackle crime at all levels we aim to ensure that law-abiding residents are safe both at home and out on the streets. These tactics paid off handsomely during the year with reductions in every area command and in every category of crime.

Less property is stolen - £50 million saved over the last two years

- 1997 Value £84.6m
- 1996 Value £107.2m
- 1995 Value £133.4m

I have printed the Superintendent's letter in full and I am sure that Haydon News readers will be pleased to read his full response - I recommend that you all have a look at the 'South West Northumberland Policing Plan', this is produced by Northumbria Police. The document is in the library. Like me, I'm sure that most of you will be impressed by the achievements of Northumbria Police since 1994 and in particular South West Northumberland Area Command's proposed means of tackling crime and disorder in our area.

With regard to Supt. Symond's specific comments about my November Editorial:

* *Robbery* - I have underlined the sentence I used - not being an expert on police terminology I was ignorant of the precise definition of what 'robbed' meant so therefore the words "and hit" were superfluous. Villagers are aware of a reported robbery by a burglar in recent years.

* *Reported Crime in Haydon Bridge* - The figures in the Superintendent's table actually show an increase in crime of 21% (1997 = 23, 1998 = 28 increase = 5). There were 2 burglaries from dwellings in the first 9 months of 1998. Already this year I understand that there has been two 'break-ins' at village homes (night of Monday 11th January) - This does not auger well for this year's figures

* *Crime is going on all around us* - It is!

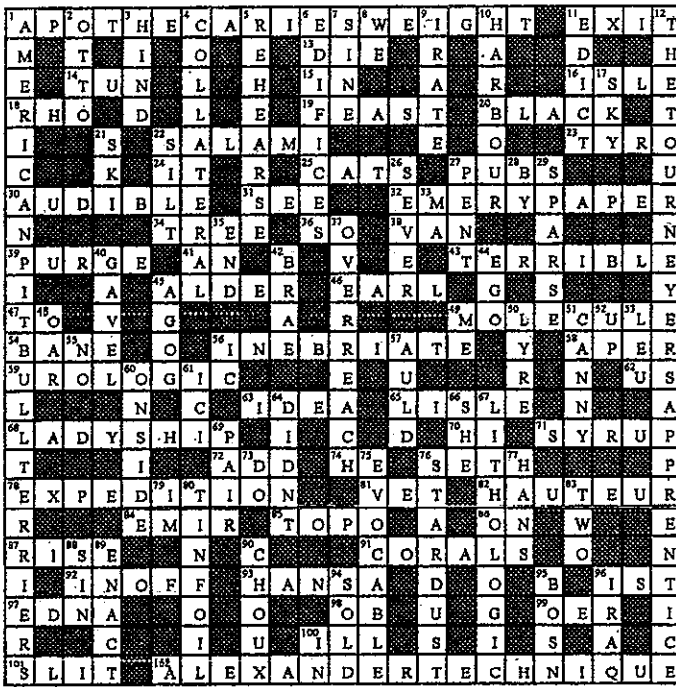
In the four years that I have been Editor the November Editorial produced by far the highest positive response from villagers - people who usually don't pass the time of day with me actually came up to me and said that the comments reflected their own views. It is not my desire to malign the Police, I do believe that they do a good job using their limited resources - whether they always make efficient use of these resources is to me questionable.

Policing Northumbria is not cheap and costs the average household some £6.72 per week (£350 p.a.). It is the view of a lot of folk in Haydon Bridge that the man-hours allocated to visiting village pubs may well be have been better spent trying to catch the criminal who reportedly robbed an elderly lady sleeping alone in her Strother Close home!

S.B. Mitchell, Editor

NB - Whilst I am supportive of Northumbria Police's proactive approach to fighting crime many folk have reminded me of PC Harry Mitchell and his big Alsatian dog patrolling the village streets in earlier years - now that's what they call proactive! Nowadays they have their little warm and cosy Pandas as companions. Other people are now asking the question "*Is proactive policing an infringement into my civil liberties and an intrusion into my privacy?*" - Perhaps if I'd been stopped and questioned 3 times in the past year whilst driving home in the early hours I too might be asking the same question - but I haven't so I won't!

SBM



SPECIAL CROSSWORD COMPETITION 1998

Although a good number of entries were received only five were absolutely correct. It was 12 down that caught out most people, many put in "The Sourcerers Apprentice". The clue was "ONE WHO LEARNS HOW TO DO THE ROUNDS FROM A MASTER TOURNAMENT PLAYER?" Tourney is sometimes spelt Tournei so I have also allowed Tourneier. The prize winning entries winning entries were:

1st Prize of £40 goes to **Dennis Telford:**

2nd Prize of £25 goes to **Bill Howard**

3rd Prize of £15 goes to **A.N. Other**

4th Prize of £10 Shared between

Edna Rumney and Audrey Philips

Dennis Telford had 29 words of five or more letters from the word HEXAGONAL and 123 words of six or more letters from OCCIDENTAL making him a clear winner on the tie-break. A.N. Other forgot to add their name to entry. Please contact Mitch if you think it's you.

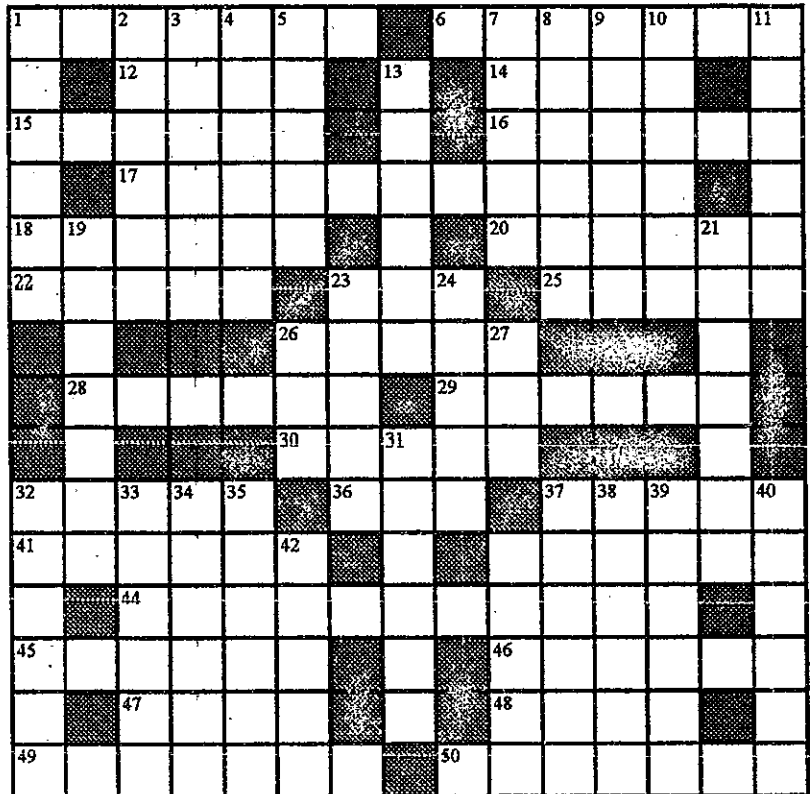
THE £10 CROSSWORD - FEBRUARY 1999

Your entry to be handed in before the date shown on page 2. Two winners will be drawn out of hat containing correct entries and each will win £5. Editor's decision is final. Special thanks to all those who sent in their crosswords each month and congratulations to Dennis Telford and Bill Howard who not only had all monthly entries correct but also won the 1st and 2nd prizes for correct entries in competition.

INCREASE YOUR WORD POWER

ACROSS

- 1 REKINDLE (7)
- 6 SUITABLE NAME FOR 8th DAUGHTER (7)
- 12 GIRL'S NAME (4)
- 14 PERIOD FROM DEC 24th - 6th JANUARY (4)
- 15 ONE OF THE ANCIENT NOMADIC PEOPLE (6)
- 16 COCKTAILS WITH WATER, SUGAR AND LEMON OR LIME JUICE (6)
- 17 I AM SECTORED TO FORM A DEMOCRACY (11)
- 18 CRAZY ESTATE IN CHINA (3,3)
- 20 UNEVEN (6)
- 22 STRUMPETS (5)
- 23 FAMOUS CHINESE CHAIRMAN (3)
- 25 CONCEALS ONES TRUE MOTIVES (5)
- 26 IN POOR TASTE (5)
- 28 SHARED BY TWO OR MORE PARTIES (6)
- 29 A YOUNG BIRD (6)
- 30 THE BEST TIME OF YOUTH (5)
- 32 UPSTANDING (5)
- 36 HANKERING (3)
- 37 THE THIRD LETTER OF GREEK ALPHABET (5)
- 41 TYPES OF WINDOW (6)
- 43 EXTERNAL STRUCTURES OF OBJECTS (6)
- 44 LIGHT AND POROUS CAKES (6,5)
- 45 FORMER UNDERWATER TV GIRL WITH HANS HASS (6)
- 46 GESTURE OF RESPECT (6)
- 47 MOVED UPWARDS (4)
- 48 MUSCULAR DIAPHRAGM (4)
- 49 THESE PEOPLE SHOULDNT LIVE IN GLASS HOUSES (7)
- 50 MYTHOLOGICAL GREEK HUNTER TORN APART BY HIS OWN DOGS (7)



DOWN

- 1 HOLDS BACK TO A LATER TIME (6)
- 2 CARRIAGE (6)
- 3 TAKE UP (6)
- 4 LEGENDARY CREATURES WHO GUARDS BURIED TREASURE (6)
- 5 SERP OR VILLEIN (5)
- 7 CLOSED SACS (5)
- 8 LILIACEOUS PLANTS (6)
- 9 JUNE - ACTRESS IN THE FILM "THE GLEN MILLER STORY" (6)
- 10 ADRIATIC ITALIAN REGION (6)
- 11 APPRAISALS (6)
- 13 AGENCY OR AUTHORITY (6)
- 19 VOTER (7)
- 21 CHEAT - ESPECIALLY IN ROMANCE (3-4)
- 23 MALE CHARACTERISTIC (5)
- 24 CINEMA (5)
- 26 LUMP OF SOFT SUBSTANCE (3)
- 27 SWEET POTATO (3)
- 31 DROPSY (6)
- 32 PEERS (6)
- 33 INFORMAL RESTAURANT (6)
- 34 ELEMENTARY PARTICLE (6)
- 35 DEAR - A 60'S HOLLIES HIT (6)
- 37 SMALL MOTOR VEHICLE (2-4)
- 38 TROPICAL AMERICAN PLANT - GIRL'S NAME (6)
- 39 APPLY BADLY OR INCORRECTLY (6)
- 40 BEHIND (6)
- 42 LEER (5)
- 43 STAPLE COMPUTER LANGUAGE (5)

Letters to the Editor & Readers Viewpoints

An e-mail from Eastbourne

Hi, I am Ian Legate, one of six boys born to Don and Christine (Tina) Legate. My mothers maiden name was Christine Moffat Brown and was born in the village and was one of six children. My parents died 12 years ago aged 56 & 57. I have an uncle and aunt, Peter & Joyce Brown who live at 17 Church Street. I expect you know them. I think one of their sons Joseph is landlord at The Railway Arms.

Although I have not seen them for many years, I hope to pay a visit with my own family in the not too distant future. It was of great surprise to find your web-site as Haydon Bridge will always remain special to me with many fond holiday memories as a child. If you have any up-to-date news or anything you feel would be of interest to me, then I would be pleased to hear from you.

Ed's Note – I have sent Ian a 1920's photograph of his great grandparents together with a 1901 copy of Jane Moffat – 44, Ratcliffe Road, taken in front of McKay's shop (now Marsh's). Also sent was a photo of Ian's mam Tina Brown taken in costume in the 1936 production of Zuzuka.

Eds. Note – I think Jackie, the landlady of 'The Railway', may have something to say about Josie Brown being the landlord !!

SHORT NOTE FROM KENTUCKY

I'm George L. Haydon from Springfield Kentucky where there are many family members

Love to know more about Haydon Bridge and by the way my father THOMAS SIMMS HAYDON JR, owns a bridge company named HAYDON BRIDGE

Thanks

Ed's Note – Thanks for your note George. The village does not have an information booklet, however the Haydon Bridge pages on the internet do contain quite a bit of information which you can access via haydonbridge.demon.co.uk.

During the coming year the new World Wide Web domain of: haydonbridge.org will be built and I shall see to it that we have a comprehensive booklet included.

Incidentally we too have a Springfield – ours having half a dozen houses !

LOST YEARS

Twenty five years ago I bought, amongst other things, the Minutes of Haydon Bridge Co-operative Society. The books are a unique record of the development of the Society in the village from 1875 to 1948.

They are full of interesting glimpses of a village life long gone. Deliveries were by horse and cart. Items like linoleum were ordered from Newcastle and sent by rail. The Boy was sent with the cart to meet the train at Haydon Bridge station. The Boy also had to whitewash the outside privy as part of his duties! When the first van was purchased it was too high to go through the archway into the yard so the entrance from the street had to be altered. The Co-op movement was committed to social reform and several houses were built in the village to be let at affordable rents.

When Mitch, in the Haydon News, requested the loan of material for his archives I rang and asked him if he'd like to look at the Minutes. I told him that unfortunately two of the books had been lost for about fifteen years. Imagine my amazement and delight when I delivered the volumes to him and he told me that one of the missing books had turned up.

The books are part of our local history and should be kept together for reference by future Haydonians so it is my intention to give the books to the N.E. Co-op Museum in Gateshead (which houses Minutes from other Societies) for safe-keeping.

This is an appeal for the return of the book still missing. It covers the years from 1897 to 1903 and it would be great if the set could be made complete again.

Jim Smith Haydon Bridge Antiques

A HUGE TRIBUTE TO THE
ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS OF
THE FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE

THE MEAL THAT WAS PROVIDED FOR
THE OVER 60s WAS EXCELLENT AND
THE ENTERTAINMENT SUPERB
BUT THE STAR OF THE SHOW
(LILLY TARKINE)
WHAT CAN ONE SAY SHE
BROUGHT THE ROOF DOWN

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR
YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN YOU ALL

FROM
THREE BINGO PLAYERS

Mary Marsh's Granddad

Recently Mary Nagel confirmed to me an interesting tale of stamina and strength that I'd heard but found hard to believe.

Grandfather Marsh worked at Langley Barony. One year when he was on his holidays he decided to take his wife to Hexham for a day out, unfortunately she was confined to a wheelchair, this prevented them catching a bus. Undaunted they set out in the morning and he pushed her all the way along the high road from Langley into Hexham.

After spending some time in the town he then pushed her to Warden where they called into friends and had tea. They continued along the south side of the river westwards to Haydon Bridge and all the way up to Page Croft to visit his son, daughter in law, and grandchild Mary. When they'd finished supper he made to leave intending to push his wife home to Langley that late evening but his son insisted that they stay overnight.

Next morning the grandparent's had breakfast and returned home. Apparently Mr. Marsh senior pushed his wife, in her wheel chair, all around the area.

To get some idea of the effort required just look out of your windows northwards and see just how steep the bank is from the Newbrough Road up past West Mill Hills to Page Croft. And I wonder - how did he get the wheelchair down the very steep bank - the mind boggles?

SBM

EDITOR WANTED

In 1997 the Editor of the Haydon News agreed to stay on until the end of 1998, by which time he completed four years in the post. The Friends of Haydon Bridge are now looking for a suitable replacement.

If you have any interest in doing the job please contact either:

Chairman of the Friends : 684022
Vice Chairman of the Friends : 684340

Alternatively you can contact any member of the Committee who are:

Judith Brown Alistair Bowen Peter Davey
Sylvia Mitchell Mary Nagel Elena Parkin
Joyce Sim Pauline Tulip

You can ring the present Editor on 684035/684980 if you want to find out more about this ex-officio job.

THE FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE

BURN'S NIGHT AT THE HAYDON

THANK YOU - To Betty and Maurice for hosting a wonderful Burn's Night supper at the Haydon Hotel on Saturday 31st January 1999.

It was well supported and *Mein Hosts* are also thanked for donating the proceeds to the Haydon Bridge Junior Football Club.

The Raffle prize winners were:

281 - 285	Meal for two at Langley Castle	J. Skerret
851 - 855	Sunday Lunch - Haydon Hotel	E. Charlton
671 - 675	Cut & Blow Dry - REGIS at Robbs	M. Robinson
586 - 590	£10 Meat Voucher WMH	P. Foster
121 - 125	£5 Voucher	K. Marshall
91 - 95	Fish & Chip Supper for two	C. Robinson
11 - 15	Wine	Doug and Mima
6 - 10	White Rum	Unclaimed
836 - 840	Box Biscuits	A. Charlton
841 - 845	Wine	A. Charlton
41 - 45	Wine	J & D Piper
301 - 305	Brandy	C. Brown
551 - 555	Wine	B. Taylor
711 - 715	Wine	R-Sup Wards

A total of £221 was raised through the Supper and Raffle.

Jeanette Burrows

CONTEMPT OF COURT

The Editor of the Haydon News has received a letter which the writer wished to be published in this edition of the Haydon News - this concerned a recent case held in Newcastle Crown Court. This letter has been withheld by the Editor as it is felt that the subject discussed - if published, could possibly result in the Court taken action against The Friends of Haydon Bridge and/or the Editor.

SBM

EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE HAYDON NEWS

The editorial policy of 'The Haydon News' is ultimately the responsibility of the Committee of the Friends of Haydon Bridge, although day-to-day responsibility is delegated to the Editor of 'The Haydon News'. Our intention is always to ensure that the content of 'The Haydon News' is as fair and factually correct as possible. Any complaints concerning editorial policy should be addressed in writing to the Chairman of the Friends of Haydon Bridge, and will be considered by and receive a formal response from the Committee of the Friends of Haydon Bridge. Complaints other than those made above will not be entertained.

Charles Thomas, Chairman
The Friends of Haydon Bridge
South View
Heugh House Lane
Haydon Bridge

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PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

Thursday 28th January 1999

9 Councillors, County Councillor Purdue, Hexham Courant Reporter and two members of the public were present.

Matters Arising

- The new flag pole is to be erected when the weather is better.
- The village Millennium Group held their first function on 22nd January and made over £127 for the village Millennium Fund.
- Seat at the entrance of Strother Close. B.T. Have asked for an estimate and will consider their position.
- Many leaning lamp-posts in Langley have been reported to Northern Electric along with ones in Haydon Bridge.

Highway Matters

- The drains near the entrance to Hordley acres are blocked and the road floods in wet weather
- The fences on the south side of the river at the east and west approaches to the village are in disrepair. The N.C.C. Are to be informed.

Lighting

Two lights are off on the bridge and near Hordley Acres House.

Planning

Conversion at Hadrian Lodge to provide warden accommodation discussed.

Tynedale District Council

At the last meeting of the Planning Committee permission was granted to demolish the present Community Centre and rebuild.

Correspondence

Spring Clean will be from 8th April. A skip will be provided.

Haydon Bridge is to enter the Village in Bloom competition once again. This year we're going all out to impress the judges.

Village Projects

Finance is available to refurbish the old bridge. Finance is available and the work should be completed by the millennium. Another lamp is to be installed, the bollards, railings, and litter bins to be Victorian green. A buff coloured, tarmac type surface, is to replace the existing surface.

Picnic Area

Difficulty has arisen in both obtaining funding and insurance cover for a children's play area planned for the riverside picnic site.

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 4th February 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Centre to discuss this matter further. Members of the public welcome as usual.

PAT

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

☐ To help the Tynedale Carers on Thursday afternoons commencing March 3rd at 2:00 p.m in the Methodist Church. Anyone who is restricted through disability or sickness from leaving home too often can take part in Arts Crafts and Music activities with an instructor. No training or experience required from the volunteers whose job is to provide tea and coffee and to be generally helpful. As few or as many Thursday afternoons as you are able to offer would be gracefully received.

For further information:

Contact Trevor North 684757

☐ To help with a pilot **YOUTH COFFEE BAR** for **ONE WEEK** 1st to 5th March from 3:45 – 5:30 p.m. in the Methodist Church. Any help for any of these days for a full or part session would be welcome.

For further information:

Contact Mike Rowarth 684207

BETTER THAN A NIGHT WATCHING TELEVISION

Langley Village Hall fund-raising committee has set their sights on holding an event each month during 1999.

A successful Tabletop Games night was held in January and now an *Evening of Entertainment* is planned for the 19th February at 7:15 p.m. In the village hall. Tickets are priced at £2.00.

The committee believes that the night, starring talented local artistes, is sure to be popular and is not to be missed!

Make sure of your tickets by phoning:
David Wise: 684346
Muriel Brown: 684237
Sandy Rutherford: 688941

All the proceeds from the evening will go towards the Langley Village Hall refurbishment Fund.

A.M. Rutherford
Secretary/Treasurer

THE MEETING PLACE
AT
THE METHODIST CHURCH

Come and Join your friends for

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A warm welcome to all

BANGEMANN COMPETITION

The Haydon News and Wölf-FM have put in a joint bid to the Bangemann Challenge.

We have chosen the acronym **CEMENT** which stands for **C**ommunity **E**ducation and **M**edia **E**nterprise – **N**ewcastle and **T**ynedale.

In his letter supporting the bid the Head of Information Technology Services at Newcastle City Council said:

Newcastle City Council is pleased to host the CEMENT project proposed by Haydon Bridge News and Wolf FM.

The project extends the ability to access the benefits of the emerging information society to the whole community, and not only links urban and rural communities, but within these, young and older people. The technology used in the project enables the community to develop and publish their own materials, in text, picture, audio and ultimately video form, and in minority languages and to make this available over the World Wide Web. Furthermore, the global nature of the internet as a publishing medium enables people all over the world to keep in touch with their north-east roots.

I have pleasure in enclosing the necessary administrative form confirming Newcastle City Council's support for this project.

Yours faithfully,

John Littleton

HEAD OF IT SERVICES

Dear Challengers,

The Global Bangemann Challenge has closed for entries. The last projects were accepted on December 31st.

Thank you for your contributions to the Challenge, the international contest and network of information technology projects from no less than 65 countries.

The jury will start to evaluate the submissions in the beginning of February and assess hundreds of projects during the months to come.

Some of you will be chosen as finalists in the different categories and invited to come to Stockholm. The awards to the winners and runners up will be presented by the King of Sweden in the City Hall of Stockholm on June 9th.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND US ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PROJECTS. WHEN THE JURY ASKS FOR MORE INPUT WE WILL CONTACT YOU AND FORWARD YOUR MATERIAL TO THE JURORS!

A very large amount of projects applications were made after December 15th 1998. They will all be published on our web before the end of January.

Again, we are happy to have you on board and looking forward to the exciting moment, when the jury presents the finalists!

Ulla Skidén

Project Manager

The Global Bangemann Challenge

WHAT IS THE GLOBAL BANGEMANN CHALLENGE ?

The Global Bangemann Challenge is the only international Award for best practice information technology (IT) projects in the world.

It is run by the City of Stockholm and supported by the European Commission.

The chief mission of the Challenge is to trigger a world-wide networking of communities, involved in the use of information technology for their citizens and the environment.

To further this aim, projects are given the opportunity to win or become finalists in eleven different categories of IT applications. Winners and finalists will be invited to come to Stockholm in June 1999 to receive their awards. Challenge web site is at <http://www.challenge.stockholm.se>.

THE RAINBOW WRITERS

The winning poem in the
1998
Short story and Poetry Competition

LORD OF THE DANCE

I am the Lord of the Dance, says he.

*Somewhere a band will strike up on the downbeat,
Your senses are stirred by the pulsating blues,
Your foot taps the floor and you try to ignore it,
But instinct is stronger and won't let you choose.*

*Let the dancing induce you with vibrant elation,
Indulge the abandon the dance-floor incites.
Forget who you were when you woke up this morning -
The singer demands you surrender tonight.*

*Movement and madness take charge of the senses,
Minds are imbibed with a rhythmical potion;
Limbs become lissom in tune to the music,
Writhing and twirling with serpentine motion.*

*Pulses go racing as heartbeat is hastened
And primitive urges are primed to the beat;
Energy surges like waves in the oceans
You fling off decorum and sweat with the heat.*

*The tempo translates all your pent up emotion,
Your feet find their forte with agile display,
Arms of pure sinew entwining your partner,
Hips are gyrating in sensual foreplay.*

*Body language becomes the essential communion,
Decibels duly commanding the scene;
Body-heat merges and movement is slowing,
The number is ending, so breaking the dream.*

*Wherever musicians rejoice in their rhythm
The need to interpret their talent you'll crave.
Your body must move with melodic expression;
The Lord of the Dance has recaptured his slave.*

Coral Gardner

Carlisle

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LANGLEY W.I.

Members of Langley W.I. visited Dobbie's Garden Centre in Ponteland in December to attend a demonstration of Christmas Floral Art. A glass of wine and mince pies were enjoyed whilst the demonstration was in progress and many of the creations were raffled at the end of the evening. The store stayed open until 9pm so that guests could make their purchases in relative peace and quiet - afterwards members went to the adjacent Badger Restaurant for a meal.

More floral work was on the agenda at the December meeting when Jane Burn and her assistant from Routledges of Haltwhistle gave a superb demonstration of flower arranging, much appreciated by members. This was followed by a delicious Christmas Dinner, provided by the Committee.

The dismal month of January was brightened by an excellent talk by Charles Bowden, an independent film producer who makes mainly wildlife films for television. The audience was fascinated to hear that as well as producing programmes locally, he spends a great deal of time in Devon producing a programme on wildlife in the West Country.

Mary Nagel

HAYDON BRIDGE W.I.

Haydon Bridge W.I. Began their Christmas celebrations with a dinner at the Crown Inn, Catton. A very festive occasion with Christmas crackers, paper hats and much merriment at the jokes. As it also happened to be one of the member's birthday it was a double celebration.

A week later we attended 'A Country Christmas', a Festival of Carols and Readings. This was organised by the Northumberland Federation of Women's Institutes and held at Trinity Methodist Church, Hexham. After the service we were served coffee, mince pies and shortbread and had the opportunity to admire the church's newly restored hall.

Finally, our Christmas Party was held at the Haydon Bridge community Centre. Food was provided by the members themselves and every member was given a wrapped gift. The evening was filled with music, games and quizzes and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A beautifully decorated Christmas cake was cut by Miss Nancy Marshall. A vote of thanks was given to our hard working president, Mrs. Brenda Clarke, who did much to make the evening a success.

The competition: 'A Christmas Table Decoration' was won 1st - Mrs. Iris Waugh, 2nd - Mrs. A. Spark, 3rd - Mrs. M. Bowen.

The evening ended with 'Auld Lang Syne'. We wished all our members a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Myra Bowen

HAYDON BRIDGE CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Since my last column a couple of months ago, plenty of things have happened at the bowls club.

Even though the two matches in December against Wylam and Whitfield brought no success, a home match of a slightly different kind took place on the 5th January at the Community Centre – Yes! - It was our Christmas Dinner, a match that we did win. Members brought many guests along and everyone enjoyed a lovely meal. Jean Oliver, the club's Secretary and Treasurer made sure that we all got our money's worth., by picking our brains with a very difficult quiz that made you feel foolish when told the answers.

Anyway, I'd better get back to the bowls side of things, as I don't want to waste Mitch's paper. Two matches have taken place since the festivities. The Shire (away), followed by a trip to Allendale.

Unfortunately, no success was gained, naturally because every player was full of turkey and wine. The teams and report below are about the Allendale match.

A	B	C	D
Joseph Tulip	Jean Oliver	Peter Tweddle	Jamie Eales
Audrey Phillips	Edna Rumney	Winnie Golightly	Ike Tallantyre
Doreen Taylor	Susan Taylor	George Hutton	Edith Benson
			Lily Pickering

The A team reacted brilliantly from a close 5-4 defeat in their opening game to win their second 7-0. Unfortunately, the lovely supper was too good to be true, causing them to lose their final two games.

Team B – tried hard, but luck deserted them. They had one heavy defeat, but the Haydon Bridge motto of never giving up meant that their other three games were close.

Team D – gave it all they had, but had a bit of an off night.

But the **Team of the Night** has to go to **Team C**. With a 3-1 win in their first game followed by a staggering 10-3 victory in their third.

George Hutton, the new members who I mention in my last report has continued progress, and was a member of the night's most successful team. George was soon followed into the club by Jamie Eales, an ex member who decided that SCUBA diving was no substitute for the half-time cup of tea at the Bowls Club. We have had another couple of youngsters who we hope will remain to help bring silverware to our new Community Centre, if not the current one.

Why not come along at 7:30 to the club nights and have a cup of tea and a chat.

All ages welcome

Fixtures for February

Tuesday	2nd Feb.	CLUB NIGHT
Tuesday	9th Feb.	CLUB NIGHT
Thursday	11th Feb.	WHITFIELD – away
Tuesday	16th Feb.	SIMONBURN – away
Thursday	25th Feb.	CLUB NIGHT

White Jack

ARCHIVE 2000 – STATUS REPORT

'As part of my contribution to the Millennium I intend to embark on a two-year project to archive a large amount data from locally held documents that record the history of Haydon Bridge in the 20th Century. This will include extracts from newspaper cuttings, periodicals, family papers, photographs, audio-tape, etc. Residents and others hold much of this material in personal scrapbooks'

I am pleased to say that support for the project continues unabated and photographs continue to pour in. We now have a team of ten people helping. The group had its first meeting in January and some individuals have now started work on their individual sub-project. One person has started recording the history of the Town Hall building; another the Football Club; someone else wants to cover the Fire Brigade; others the roads, buildings and estates.

There are many different areas to cover: Industry in HB; retail premises; public houses; farms; transport; village organisations; Co-op; schools; topography etc. etc. If you feel you would like to help please contact me on

01434 684 035

e-mail : mitch@haydonbridge.org

A valuable input to the archive has been the set of Co-op minute books which record the weekly meetings of the Haydon Bridge Co-op from the first on 20th March 1875. At this meeting Mr. W.H. Batey of Catton was appointed as Manager of the store. The minute books were complete from 1875 to 1948 with the exception of two volumes, one of which has since been traced, the missing one covers the period 1897 – 1903). If you know of its whereabouts please contact the owner of the set (see page 11). When extracts have been recorded from the books they will be returned to the owner who intends to archive them in a proper place.

I am still awaiting the result of my Lottery bid - they have requested further information, I am pleased to say that my application to the Parish Council has been approved

If you as an individual feel that you can offer financial or other support to the project I would be pleased to hear from you.

Thanks for your time Mitch

Letters to the Editor & Readers Viewpoints

Enid Garrow writes from Springfield:

Last year, looking ahead to the Millennium I had such a good ideal - I would canvas the people of Haydon Bridge to work to have our village collaged on fabric and made into a cope. (A cope is a cloak, worn by priests of any denomination.) if the collage was made into a wall hanging, where would it hang and for how long? A cope will be safely kept in a church - ours preferably, but should it be closed or fall into disrepair, it would still be safe, somewhere.

However, I had some friends in to lunch last week and was set back on my heels because I had presumed many people would be indifferent but had not on some being hostile, as two of my friends were. In fact, they do not live here and do not go to church but made it quite plain that if they lived in our village they would not participate in this particular effort.

Now, this work should not be onerous as I envisage people making a small contribution, in worked fabric, of the house in which they live. These could then be arranged on a backing fabric to form a pictorial representation of our village in the approach to the year 2000.

Will our people give me some idea of their opinion - face to face, by telephone (684324) or "letter to the Editor". I won't be upset, I'll cry in private, my shoulders are broad.
E. Garrow

Dear Mitch

Av nivvor ritten the papers afor but aam still stottin aboot that stupid nincanpoof wat had the audacity to pen aal that slanderous blithor aboot the wunnerful new contribu-tor be' the name of Hunter McDonald.

Beuth me an wor Geordie reely enjoyed his second tale and aal his resorch aboot Jane Todd being left on the doorstep of The Toft's Farmhoose. Aav tekken real excepshon te Pat Culrohan Can theor be any feul as daft as him as he's bound te recognise that The Haydon News has fund a porl iv great price? - Aah just wunda how thi can afford to pay this literary genius. Maybe yill have te up' the anty a bit to privent him sellin his talents ti the Noos ithia Whorld.

Anywho I think he must have gone to the Newbruf acadamy as being one of the Newbruf Attricks and maybe slightly ralated ti Jerry of Haydon Bridge aa thowt aa cud detect a touch a' Jimmy Gloag in his style.

Sykee Attrick

Ed's note - I had a word with Hunter McDonald who is still smarting from the revelations of Pat Culrohan - he tells me that he's consulting his solicitors *Haddaway and Chyte* to try and prevent Pat Culrohan giving away any more secrets of his wartime exploits.

Dear Mr. Mitchell

I have the happiest of memories of Haydon Bridge in the thirties and forties. It is now fifty years since I effectively left the village. Saddest of all was the death of Bill Tait who I must have known for well over sixty years. Thereafter I joined the army, went to University and although far removed, I can still remember Maurice Armstrong and Geoff Duffy and David Corbett who are happily still with us.

After leaving school and awaiting call up one of my happiest of memories was working the postal route with Billslogging it out to Housteads every day. I still have picture Bill Tait painted of Mill Hills which I still remember with affection of John Wallis Herdman and Willie Thompson Willje of the Chapel at Haydon Bridge and Bardon Mill and Fourstones, - characters of old long since departed.

I could go on forever but I will say a very Happy New year to you all and continued success in your admirable venture Identify the of yesteryear which I can still recognise with pleasure.

Very best wishes

Yours sincerely

Ridley Coats Sandyway, Northwich, Cheshire

Sorry Ridley but a few of your of your words are difficult to make out . . . Thanks

Dear Mr. Mitchell

24th January 1999

Herewith the promised photographs for Project Archive 2000. I don't know if they will be of any interest. I also enclose a copy of a letter from my Great grandfather to my father. Perhaps some of the names mentioned may have some significance for some of the present day residents of the village, I hope so.

I am still enjoying going slowly through the old copies of Haydon News and many surnames have a ring of familiarity, Robson, Ridley, Heslop, Dodds, and of course Charltons, who were our ancestors, as were Hendersons and Philipsons. I also remember my father telling me about a Dr. Wilfred Parker, who taught him at some stage. I have a photo of that gentleman.

Your paper is excellent and has something interesting for everyone, straight facts, delightful anecdotes, historical treasures, all injected with a quick wit and puckish sense of humour. May I join the many others who thank you for the very real pleasure provided by your enthusiastic efforts.

Elizabeth B. Reay Le Page

North Box Hill, Victoria, Australia

Ed's note - I have replied directly to Elizabeth via e-mail and thank her for the photo graphs and comments.

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As Editor of The Haydon News I have been asked by a number of residents, to publicise their views about an alternative site for The Community Centre. I have done so during the past year with absolutely no effect – indeed the silence has been deafening it would appear that those concerned are scared of public debate. Following the planning decision on 20th January I was asked to table a question at the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 28th January to the effect:

“The Village Appraisal only spoke of refurbishing the Community Centre. When it was discovered that the place would need to be rebuilt why weren't the views of the Parish as a whole sought concerning design and location.”

During the Parish Council meeting I scribbled a note to that effect and handed it to a Councillor in front of me who placed it on the table in front of him – he was sat next to Councillor Mrs. Howard who is also Secretary of the Community Association. I thought that as Mrs. Howard also organised the Village Appraisal we would at last *“Get something from the horses mouth”* to coin a phrase! I noticed that the Councillor read the note on the table. Councillor Bill was sat next to his wife.

At the end of normal business Councillor Mrs. Howard packed up and left the room – shortly afterwards Councillor Jackson started to read my note as Councillor Bill quickly excused himself and left the meeting. Now I wouldn't dare suggest that either of these two Councillors deliberately left the meeting at this point – but it does seem a bit of a coincidence. The remaining members of the Parish Council weren't really able to offer a satisfactory explanation.

Sorry folks I did try my best to get you an answer but I'm not going to grab Marion and throw her to the floor in a half-Nelson screaming threateningly : *“Damn you – speak woman speak!!”* I save that sort of activity for the privacy of my own home – and anyway Bill was there.

One interesting debate took place at the Parish Council meeting which I thought might interest some of you. This concerns the siting of a children's new play area. The Village Appraisal showed a requirement for more play areas for children – one of the areas where it was planned to place one was on the riverbank picnic area. Recently it had come to the notice of the Parish Council that their insurance company would not provide the necessary cover as the site lay so close to the river. Similarly it appears that there are other problems with funding a play area at such a location. However it appears that the land there could be purchased quite cheaply and perhaps used as a 'village green'.

Apparently generous funding is available which could be used to improve access road, provide a car park for disabled drivers and general smarten up the area. The funding rules, it would seem, would necessitate the forming of a Trust to manage the scheme as the rules do not permit the Parish Council to do the job as they are only temporary and subject

to change at each election. It was suggested by the Chairman that maybe the Friends of Haydon Bridge should be approached with a view to forming a Trust as required by the rules. A lengthy discussion followed before a vote was taken on *“Should the idea of a children's play area at the riverside be abandoned and 'Village Green' funding be applied for ?”* A majority voted in favour of this resolution – seven of the nine Councillors present voted with Councillors Mr. and Mrs. Howard abstaining.

After the voting it was made clear that this did not mean abandoning the new play area – just that another site would need to be considered. The two major proponents of the riverside play area were quite naturally not too happy with the situation. As more facts were needed and time was getting on the Chairman suggested that another meeting be held to discuss this subject in more detail – it was agreed to hold another meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday 4th February and discuss the matter further.

Many of you will not have received your Haydon News by then so you've missed it, however some of you should get the newsletter on that day – why don't you get on down there and see what the outcome is and at the same time see how your Councillors perform. I'll be there – perhaps I could take my tiger skinned leotard just in case I have to do my Big Daddy stuff – better still I could wait until we have a downpour and do a bit of Clart Wrestling in the Back Lane – now **THAT** could be fun and exciting to boot. Slipping and sliding, squirming in the clarts – spectators taking side bets – combatants grunting and groaning. Mick's Burger van doing a roaring trade flogging greet big hot-dogs – Councillors leaning out of the Community Centre windows to get a better view eventually succumbing, leaping out and joining the throng sleeves rolled up stabbing fingers pointing down to the wrestlers chanting in unison *“Who ate all the pies – who ate all the pies”*. James and Josie Broon come rushing doon the lane, greet big hoses in hands, Sid Thompson following behind with his little stirrup pump dangling in his hand meanwhile Mick's van has been *bornt te the groond*. In all the confusion the two wrestlers slide off to share a warm shower and who knows ?

The cost of being buried in Haydon Bridge Burial Ground is going up from the rates set in January 1983 – the new rates will be as follows – old rates shown in brackets:

Interment of the body of a person over 12	£50 (£12)
Interment of CREMATED remains in a grave	£15 (£5)
The right to erect a headstone not exceeding 2 feet 6 inches:	£41 (£10)
Any other tablet, memorial vase Or inscription.	£24 (£5)
Exclusive right of burial in an adjoining plot	£50 (£12)

See you next month folks

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CHURCH NEWSLETTER

CLERGY MESSAGE

from Father Leo Pyle
parish priest of St John of Beverley, Haydon Bridge

The plans to celebrate the Millennium are bewildering in their coverage and complexity. Everyone, it seems, is in on the act - not least Christian churches of all denominations and ecumenical groupings. We can look forward to national celebrations and local celebrations. Who says the art of celebration has been lost? It may well be after the millennium, we could all be exhausted, if not paralysed by millennial surfeit!

So maybe we should go for the really worthwhile in our celebrations: like all of us, not just the ecumaniacs, renewing our efforts to eradicate the scandal of our separated Churches. People will applaud the healing of our divisions. Many will be, moved by such worthwhile millennial celebration. Indeed, many would account it to be the very best thing we could do to mark 2000.

So **CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN HAYDON BRIDGE** seeks to take steps in this direction. But it will take each one of us to commit her/himself to one new move that would further the cause of Christian unity. Nothing over the top and unrealistic: good resolutions always founder on the unachievable! What about a DAILY prayer for Christian unity? Not just the annual unity jamboree!

WHO AND WHERE

The names and phone numbers of the clergy who minister in Haydon Bridge

Rev Vincent Ashwin, with St Cuthbert's C of E
The Vicarage, Station Yard 684.307

Rev David Perkins, with the Methodist congregation
39 Elvaston Road, Hexham 603.139

Father Leo Pyle, with St John's Catholic Church
St John's Presbytery, North Bank 684.265

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AN INDEPENDENT SUPPLEMENT TO THE HAYDON NEWS

SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS TOGETHER

"We've never seen two Marys before," said a delighted member of the congregation after the inter-church carol service the Sunday before Christmas. This year the Methodist Church provided the main characters in the do-it-yourself tableau. The original Mary was ill. So fast-thinking Kathleen Armstrong, leader of the Methodist Sunday School, found a substitute. However, the original Mary felt better at the last minute, and came along too. Nobody minded; it added to the charm and informality of the service: two wise men, and two Marys. About 200 people crammed St John's Roman Catholic Church for the Village Carol Service, led by Father Leo Pyle, assisted by clergy from the village's other churches. Lessons were read by representatives of the Health Centre, the High School, the Parish Council and the farming community, as well as the churches.

On Christmas Eve, a joint Anglican/Methodist Crib service was held in St Cuthbert's. A carefully-prepared re-telling of the Christmas story was presented by the Methodist Sunday School. Children and young people from 4 to 20 were involved in reading, acting, lighting; it was impressive team work. Then carols were sung by candle-light, and all 200 people in church walked in a procession round the church to visit the crib. The collection of £65 went to the Children's Society, which helps neglected children and homeless teenagers.

Earlier in the week, a dozen stalwarts had sung carols outside homes in the village centre. But torch batteries began to run out, and even gloved hands got so cold that it was impossible to turn over the pages of the carol sheet; so the group stopped after an hour, glad to have sung outside 70 homes, and to have collected £36.00 for the Children's Society.

The Boxing Day storms hit the churches too. No damage was done to buildings, but on Sunday December 27th the people of St Cuthbert's and St John's huddled together in their churches, with no organs playing because of the long power cuts. Candles provided encouragement, if not warmth. The Methodists had to cancel their service altogether.

Lack of electricity made no difference at Haydon Old Church that night, because there is no lighting or heating anyway. 20 people, accompanied the faithful old harmonium, sang carols and heard some of the lesser known Christmas readings by the light of 100 small candles. It was a good end to the Christmas week-end.

Oh yes, power had been restored in the village during the Old Church service, so we got home for warming tea.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

February 7th

10.00am Mr T Hindsley
6.00pm Mr T North (Bible teaching)

Feb. 9th 7.30pm Men's Christian Fellowship (Mr P Eavis)

Feb. 10th 2.30pm Women's Own

February 14th

10.00am Rev D Perkins (Family S)
6.00pm at Trinity Church, Hexham.

February 21st

10.00am Mr G Wilson
6.00pm Mr R Tipping

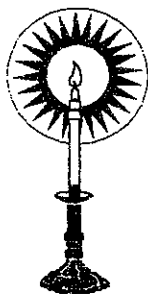
Feb. 23rd 7.30pm Men's Christian Fellowship (Mr C Drax)

Feb. 24th 2.30pm Women's Own

February 28th

9.00am Rev D Perkins (Sacrament)
10.00am Rev R Firth
6.00pm Rev S Hill

LENT IS FOR



COMING CLOSER to GOD

ECUMENICAL LENT COURSE

The Vicar will be leading a series of five sessions of the 'Emmaus' course, used partly as a refresher course and partly to encourage enquirers; it will deal with the basic things we believe. Bring a friend along too. There will be a Monday afternoon meeting, 2.00 - 3.30 at Mrs Nessie Marshall's home, 45 Strother Close (Ph 684.454), beginning on February 22nd. There will also be an evening meeting on Thursdays, 7.30 - 9.00, at a venue to be decided. It would help if you can phone to say you are coming, so we know many biscuits to get in!
More details will be published in the churches later.

CALENDAR FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

2nd (Tue) Presentation of Christ
6.45pm Holy Communion
3rd (Wed) Christians Together Exec,
7.30pm at the Methodist Church.

Feb. 7th 2nd Sunday before Lent
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am All-Age Worship; Dr L Gray

Feb. 14th Sunday next before Lent
10.30am Parish Communion, Baptism & Sermon (the vicar)

Feb. 17th Ash Wednesday
7.00pm Holy Communion

Feb. 21st 1st Sunday of Lent
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Morning Prayer, Sermon: M Fry

Mon 22nd 2.00 Lent Studies begin.
Wed 24th 7.30pm Mothers' Union.
Thu 25th 10.00am Lent Communion
Sat 27th Study Day on Prayer
(see separate notice)

Feb. 28th 2nd Sunday of Lent
10.30am Parish Communion, (vicar)



ST CUTHBERT'S NOTICE BOARD

Confirmation class for adults: The vicar will soon begin a class for any adults who would like to be confirmed into full membership of the Church of England. Please contact him if you are interested.

Adrian Plass is the keynote speaker at a day conference on Prayer in the Heavenly Realms - in the Realms of Possibility, organised by the Diocese of Newcastle. It's at Prudhoe on February 27th. Details from the vicar.

Making Music in Church is the title of another day course, for reluctant organists, pianists, church leaders, flute-players, to be held at Henshaw School on March 13th. Again, details from the vicar.

SERVICES AT ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am.

Mass at 11.0 at Haltwhistle each Sunday.

Mass on weekdays (except Mondays), at 10.00am, either at St John's or at Haltwhistle.

Steeplechase Contact Person
required for Hexham West area
(Allendale, Alston, Whitfield, etc)
for the

Northumbria Historic Churches Trust



For details, contact the Revd Vincent Ashwin, who will say what's involved and who to contact.

The actual sponsored steeple-chase is in early September each year, and literature has to be distributed to the local churches.

An Ancient Irish Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and, until we meet again,
may God hold you
in the palm of His hand. Amen.*

DID YOU KNOW?

- that BC stands for Before Christ?
- that AD stands for Anno Domini - meaning 'In the Year of Our Lord'?
- that CE stands for Common Era, and that in some circles this year is called 1999 CE?
- that **CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN HAYDON BRIDGE** are working with the Parish Council to put on a Service on Friday evening, December 31st: to remind people whose birthday it is; and to pray for Haydon Bridge for the next 1000 years

If you want YOUR church news to be included, send it by the 20th of the month to the Editor, Revd Vincent Ashwin, at the vicarage: Phone 684.307; Fax: 684.152, or by email: .vashwin@lineone.net

MEDICAL MISCELLANY

UPPERS

With a bit of luck the BMA should have wrung some sense out of the Department of Health by the end of January on the subject of Viagra. It was originally thought that an announcement would be made on Christmas Eve - so as to avoid a prurient fermentation in the tabloid press, prone as they are to boil-in-the-bag morality and gimcrack opinions.

We have had a number of requests for Viagra already and I am sure that it will prove very helpful for some men and women but it is not to be regarded as either a miracle or an aphrodisiac or a lifebelt for relationships in difficulty.

Soon there will be a second product - Vasomax - that is said to work more quickly.

DOWNERS

There was some quite devastating statistical information in the British Medical Journal in mid December; one American in five, over the age of twelve, has genital herpes (one in four females), by the age of twenty four one in three Americans has had a sexually transmitted disease, sixty eight million Americans have an incurable sexually transmitted disease (herpes, HPV, hepatitis B or HIV).

Europe usually trails America by a few years at most.

Moral - beware of Americans bearing cigars...

PARACETAMOL - THE LAST WORD

It's not called paracetamol anymore! We all have to get used to calling it acetaminophen now, if we want to be truly cosmopolitan in our speech and good Europeans to boot.

GRASSING UP THE NEIGHBOURS

I am pleased to report that the local spliff harvest is progressing nicely. Parishioners of a Samaritan disposition will find the News Editor's visiting hours at Durham are quite flexible.

THE MILLENNIAL MIDWIFE

Our midwife, Helen Shield, has bade me publicise her general proclamation about procreation. There's to be none of it - during the months of February, March and April - unless you really want to deliver your baby by candle light.

A PLEA FROM PETER ROBERTSON

It is now a legal requirement for the reverse of every prescription form to be filled in fully by the person collecting the medication. Could you please assist your pharmacist by completing the form - carefully.

Thank you.

NORPLANT

The implantable five year contraceptive was introduced about four and a half years ago. We now need to begin removing them and, if desired, replacing them.

Would all those women who had a Norplant fitted check the date of their fitting please and remember that the devices MUST be removed after five years.

Nurse Mary will be sending reminders.

WHIPLASH

Car accidents are a frequent cause of neck injury and some of the problems are avoidable. Anyone who does not wear a seatbelt at all times in a moving vehicle deserves to be used as food or landfill - there are almost no exceptions to this observation.

Airbags are - on balance - a good thing, though there are remaining controversies about them. If a passenger airbag is an option go for it. Follow the manufacturer's instructions about putting babyseats in cars with airbags.

The item of equipment that is least regarded but most often contributes to neck problems is the head restraint - not rest - restraint.

A head restraint should be adjusted so that it and the seat occupant's head are at the same level - if the occupant leans back, the back of his/her head should contact the centre of the restraint.

Leaving the restraint in its lowest position may enable the rear seat passenger (or driver) to have a better view or conduct a conversation more easily or may make reversing easier but it also ensures that in a crash the seat occupant's head will be snapped over backwards, to a potentially fatal degree.

Whiplash injury is common, painful and longlasting. Prevention is better than cure.

BANDAGING SPRAINS

Its official - bandaging sprained ankles makes no difference to the outcome. An article in the Christmas British Medical Journal gave the results of a detailed survey on the subject. The number of cherished beliefs that are being demolished is quite stunning.

FRAMINGHAM

A small town somewhere in the USA made famous by being the most intensively studied community in the world. Health data on the inhabitants have been collected for some decades now. One of the results has been the creation of a scoring system - The Framingham Score - that gives a numerical value to a person's risk of having a heart attack. We are starting to calculate the Framingham scores for our patients now - we'll let you know...